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Rich Gannon

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Members of the Environmental Management Commission:

I support the proposed rules to reduce nutrient pollution in Jordan Lake. I live along Dry Creek in Chatham County and have seen the mess that developers have made of the creek. When that is combined with other runoff and wastewater - treated or not - going down the river then Jordan Lake becomes impaired as we have seen. I believe that these new rules will help clean up the water in the Haw River and the creeks where I live, as well as in Jordan Lake.

I was saddened to learn that Jordan Lake and 25 creeks and sections of the Haw River that feed it have become so polluted that they are now on the Federal 'Impaired Waters' list. So, not only do I support the passage of the proposed rules, I would like them to be enforced. If that means more DENR staff then so be it.

In particular our waste treatment plants need to implement practices to reduce nitrogen pollution sooner rather than later. If that means amending the proposed rules to step up reduction of the release of nitrogen then they should be amended. Only by doing so will our rivers and streams be cleaned up.

We need strong rules now, without delay. We need to get on with the job of cleaning up Jordan Lake.

Sincerely,

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